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SRI P. SELVARAJ :—" Sir, when there is a general demand that Local Fund hospitals should be taken over by the State, where is the necessity for again asking the Malabar District Board to open hospitals? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is only the Taluk Headquarters and municipal hospitals that are being provincialised, Sir, and that too only in instalments."

Construction of a road from Kunhimangalam to Ramanthali.

11-10 a.m. * 275 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any proposal to construct a road from Kunhimangalam to Ramanthali and Ettikulam in Payyanur Firka, North Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage the construction of the road stands now?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" Two road works, namely—

(1) Forming a road from Elimala Railway Station in Kunhimangalam amsam to Ettikulam via Kunnaru; and

(2) Forming Ramanthali village road connecting the village Ramanthali with Ettikulam are included in the Five-Year Plan of Post-War Road Development. The formation of the Ramanthali village road has almost been completed. The formation of the other road will be taken up in due course."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that even though the construction of a road from Kunhimangalam to Ramanthali and Ettikulam has been included in the Five-Year Plan of Post-war Road Development, it has not yet been taken up and may I know whether the Government will be pleased to expedite this work? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" The work regarding the formation of the village road has been completed and the other road will be taken up soon."

Utilization of Handloom Cess Fund in Malabar.

* 276 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any suggestions for the utilization of the Handloom Cess Fund in Malabar district were put before Sri Lobo Prabhu, the Development Secretary, when he visited Cannanore recently by the representatives of the Chirakkal Taluk Handloom Workers' Union; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any steps to implement them?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The suggestions are under the consideration of the Government."

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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Government what are the suggestions made by the representatives of the Chirakkal Taluk Handloom Workers' Union?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be put."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Loans granted to private industrial concerns in Malabar.

1 *Q.*—SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the particulars of all loans granted by the Government to private industrial concerns in the Malabar district which are still outstanding; and the years in which they were granted; and

(*b*) whether those who have taken the loans have fulfilled the conditions of the grants and whether they paid the annual instalments on the due dates; and if not, what action has been taken?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] containing the information is appended.

List of posts with scales of pay for each in the Government Transport Department in the Madras City.

2 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the various categories of posts together with the scales of pay for each in the Government Transport Department in the Madras City?

A.—A statement[b] is laid on the table of the House.

Number of suits under the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Temporary Relief) Ordinance, 1953, pending in courts.

3 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of money suits pending before the courts in this State when the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Temporary Relief) Ordinance, 1953, came into force;

(*b*) how many suits have been stayed since then;

(*c*) the number of such suits filed in the State during the period of three months since the passing of the Ordinance; and

(*d*) the number of such suits instituted during the corresponding period in the previous year?

A.—(*a*) 45,712.

(*b*) 13,830.

(*c*) 8,247.

(*d*) 16,008.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 621 *infra*.

[b] Printed as Appendix II on pages 622–625 *infra*.